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In re patent application of

K. Kamada *et al.*

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For: METHOD FOR MACHINING GLASS SUBSTRATE

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Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This amendment responds to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2003. A petition for a two month extension of time accompanies this amendment. If any additional fees are required to grant the petition or enter this amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Attorney's Deposit Account 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C.).

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

An Excess Claims Fee, for two additional independent claims (claim 17 rewritten in independent form and new claim 19), is submitted herewith.

A listing of the claims begins at page 2. The Remarks begin at page 5.

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For the reasons set forth above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1-6, 12 and 14-19 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephone or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C.).

Respectfully submitted,



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undesirable to-be-removed component while sparing a bottom component, such as ablating chromium without affecting underlying quartz or removing an unwanted biological tumor without damaging underlying tissue. (Haight, col. 5, lines 12-15+). That Minakata does not deal with such a system of a to-be-removed top component over a to-be-spared bottom component, while Haight is specifically addressed to such a situation, shows the artificiality of how the Examiner proposes to combine Haight and Minakata. Thus, the obviousness rejection cannot stand for this further reason of the references not being combinable as the Examiner has proposed.